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8 **BEFORE THE**  
**BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. **2011-998**

12 **CORAZON SALAMAT BILEY**  
13 **aka CORAZON VALENTON SALAMAT**  
**aka CORAZON BILEY**  
14 13713 Longworth Avenue  
Norwalk, CA 90650

**A C C U S A T I O N**

15 **Registered Nurse License No. 349012**

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17 Respondent.

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19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

- 21 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her  
22 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing.
- 23 2. On or about September 30, 1982, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered  
24 Nurse License Number 349012 to Corazon Salamat Biley, aka Corazon Valenton Salamat, aka  
25 Corazon Biley ("Respondent"). The Registered Nurse License was in full force and effect at all  
26 times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on April 30, 2012, unless renewed.  
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## JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 2750 of the Code provides, in pertinent part:

"Every certificate holder or licensee, including licensees holding temporary licenses, or licensees holding licenses placed in an inactive status, may be disciplined as provided in this article [Article 3 of the Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof Code, ' 2700 et seq.)]. As used in this article, "license" includes certificate, registration, or any other authorization to engage in practice regulated by this chapter. The proceedings under this article shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code [the Administrative Procedure Act], and the board shall have all the powers granted therein."

5. Code section 118(b) provides:

"The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground."

6. Section 2764 of the Code provides:

"The lapsing or suspension of a license by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license by a licensee shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such license, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license."

## STATUTORY PROVISIONS

7. Section 2761 of the Code provides in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

1       "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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3       "(d) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the  
4 violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter [the Nursing Practice  
5 Act] or regulations adopted pursuant to it.

6                                   **COST RECOVERY**

7       8.     Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
8 administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of  
9 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
10 enforcement of the case.

11                                  **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

12                                       **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

13       9.     Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2761(a) for  
14 unprofessional conduct because of Respondent's mistreatment of a patient while performing  
15 services as a licensed registered nurse. The circumstances are as follows:

16       a.     On February 25, 2008, the Respondent was employed as a licensed registered nurse at  
17 Saint Francis Medical Center in Lynwood, CA in the intensive care unit. The Respondent was  
18 assigned to assist a 45-year-old female patient identified with the initials "J.W."<sup>1</sup>

19       b.     The Respondent and other hospital staff members were helping turn over patient  
20 "J.W." when the patient became agitated and started yelling.

21       c.     The Respondent allegedly told patient "J.W." to remain quiet and stated "do you see  
22 this tape" and "see what I have, this will quiet you down."

23       d.     The Respondent allegedly proceeded to place surgical tape over the mouth of patient  
24 "J.W." in the presence of other hospital staff. The Respondent admits placing the surgical tape  
25 over the patient's mouth but says she removed the tape within five seconds and stated "I was  
26 trying to uplift the other nurses," "It was just a bad joke" and "We were all so frustrated that day."

27       <sup>1</sup> Initials used to preserve patient confidentiality. The complete patient name may be  
28 disclosed pursuant to a request for discovery.

1 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

2 (Unprofessional Conduct - Violation or Attempted Violation of Nursing Practice Act)

3 10. Respondent's license is subject to discipline under Code section 2761(d) for  
4 unprofessional conduct because the Respondent violated or attempted to violate, directly or  
5 indirectly, or assisting in or abetted the violating of, or conspiring to violate any provision or term  
6 of the Nursing Practice Act..

7 a. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth  
8 above in paragraph 10 inclusive, as though set forth fully herein.

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10 PRAYER

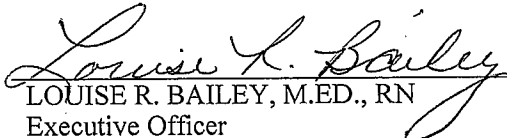
11 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
12 and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

13 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 349012, issued to  
14 Respondent Corazon Salamat Biley, aka Corazon Valenton Salamat, aka Corazon Biley;

15 2. Ordering Respondent Corazon Salamat Biley, aka Corazon Valenton Salamat, aka  
16 Corazon Biley; to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation  
17 and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

18 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.  
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21 DATED: June 21, 2011

  
LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN  
Executive Officer  
Board of Registered Nursing  
State of California  
Complainant

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